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CRUISE OF "MOSCOW UNIVERSITY"

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1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING FROM WILLIAM A. BROWN TO YURIY KAZAKOV OF HYDROMET. QUOTE: DEAR YURIY: YOU WILL RECALL THAT DURING OUR RECENT DISCUSSION ON THE JULY-AUGUST CRUISE OF THE "MOSCOW UNIVERSITY" UNDER PROJECT VI-2.1, THE SOVIET SIDE AGREED TO INSTRUCT THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO SUBMIT A NOTE TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT REQUESTING PORT CLEARANCES FOR NEW YORK, THE TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT, RHODE ISLAND (INSTEAD OF WOOD'S HOLE), AND MOBILE, ALABAMA (INSTEAD OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA). SUBSEQUENTLY DR. SCHNEIDER DEEMED THAT A CALL AT TAMPA, FLORIDA WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO MOBILE, ALABAMA SINCE IT WOULD PERMIT SOVIET SPECIALISTS TO VISIT THE LABORATORY AT FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY AND WOULD SAVE TWO DAYS' STEAMING TIME IN THE GULF OF MEXICO. AS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED, DR. DUKE CAN ALSO TRANSPORT TWO SOVIET SCIENTISTS FROM TAMPA

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TO EPA'S GULF BREEZE LABORATORY IF SO DESIRED.

2. ON JULY 1, THE SOVIET EMBASSY TELEPHONED THE STATE DEPARTMENT REQUESTING CLEARANCES FOR SAN JUAN (JULY 12-16), NEW YORK (JULY 19-22), WOOD'S HOLE (JULY 25-27), AND PENSACOLA, FLORIDA (AUGUST 9-11). THE STATE DEPARTMENT INFORMS ME THAT IT IS WILLING TO GRANT PORT CLEARANCES FOR SAN JUAN, NEW YORK, AND WOOD'S HOLE BUT THAT A CALL AT PENSACOLA IS NOT FEASIBLE. THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS WILLING TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR A PORT CALL TO NARRAGANSETT INSTEAD OF WOOD'S HOLE AND TO TAMPA INSTEAD OF PENSACOLA.

3. IN VIEW OF THE SHORT TIME FACTOR, I SUGGEST THAT YOU INSTRUCT THE SOVIET EMBASSY TO SUBMIT IMMEDIATELY A NOTE REQUESTING PORT CLEARANCES FOR SAN JUAN, NEW YORK, NARRAGANSETT, AND TAMPA, FLOR-DA. SINCERELY YOURS, WILLIAM A. BROWN. END QUOTE. INGERSOLL

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